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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on October 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper, where we also discuss the filing herewith of a copy of a French Search Report.

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